



**Use of Police Powers and Standards Scrutiny Panel
Summary of the meeting held on
Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 9:30
Winfrith Conegar Boardroom & Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Attendees:

Panel Members

David Sidwick (DS)	Police and Crime Commissioner (Chair)
Simon Roach (SR)	Member
Bharati Joshi (BJ)	Member
Natalie Hill (NH)	Chair, Independent Custody Visiting Panel
Richard Mangnall (RM)	Chair, Out of Court Disposals Scrutiny Panel
Adam Harrold (AH)	OPCC Director of Operations
Simon Bullock (SB)	OPCC Chief Executive

Dorset Police

Sgt Lynette Rogerson (LR)	Dorset Professional Standards Dept
Sam Shewbridge (SS)	Dorset Professional Standards Dept
Chief Insp Ashley Smith (AS)	Force Strategic Lead for Use of Force
Insp Josh Hooley (JHo)	Dorset LPA Patrol Insp
Paul Marsh (PM)	Force Business Insights Manager
Chief Insp Greg Tansill (GT)	Deputy Director of Intelligence
Ben Muspratt (BM)	Operations Manager, Contact Management
Chief Insp Dave Horn (DH)	Force Incident Commander

OPCC

Tom Smith (TS)	Scrutiny Manager
Yvonne Fenwick (YF)	Governance Manager OPCC
Jenny Heaver (JHe)	Policy & Commissioning Office
Jacqui Kinch	Support Officer
Andrea McDonnell	Support Officer

APOLOGIES

ACC Steve Lyne	Force Disproportionality Lead
Rachel Bailey	Chair of Force Independent Scrutiny Panel
Steve O'Connell	Deputy Chair
Steve Rains	Member
Lionel Yafele	Member
Sue Farmer	Member
John Sutcliffe	Member
Erika Lindsay	Member
Lee Hardy	Member
Supt Kim Goodenough	Alliance Professional Standards
Supt Joe Pardey (JP)	Force Strategic Lead for Stop & Search

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Deputy Chair welcomed members and attendees.

Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

TS reminded the meeting of the requirements of the confidentiality agreement they had each signed. He also drew attention to the handling instructions for the papers which should be deleted appropriately after the meeting.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 September 2025, were agreed to be a true and accurate record of proceedings.

3. MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING by exception only

The detailed updates against each of the actions were noted.

4. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG) IMPROVEMENT PANEL

JHe provided an update on the VAWG Improvement Panel held on 26 November 2025.

The panel were provided with five pre-selected cases and accompanying calls made to Dorset Police. The meeting focused on reviewing cases that included domestic abuse. Panel members had been asked to review and score the victim's experience using an online questionnaire. Eight members completed the reviews, scoring cases on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor, 3 satisfactory, and 5 excellent. Of the five cases reviewed by the VAWG Improvement Panel, three cases scored 4 and two cases scored 3.

5. CUSTODY UPDATE

The Chair of the ICV Scheme gave a verbal update on the work of the Independent Custody Visitors which had met on 20 October 2025.

6. OoCR UPDATE

The Chair of the OoCR Panel gave a verbal update on the work of the Out of Court Resolutions Panel, which had met on 2 October 2025.

The High Sheriff of Dorset had attended the panel meeting to thank the volunteers for their work in reviewing the use of Out of Court Resolutions by Dorset Police.

From the six youth cases examined at the meeting in October 2025, there were two individuals who had reoffended. Additionally, one offender from the six adult cases did not comply with the requirements of the Community Resolution given to them. A presentation was given by Restorative Solutions on the Assault on Emergency Worker course they provided for Community Resolutions and Conditional Cautions.

The theme for the dip samples was assaults on emergency workers although in the youth cases only three examples could be provided so more general assaults were included. The panel agreed the use of an OoCD was appropriate in all but one of the youth cases where the offender had kicked two police officers. One panel member felt the incident was not

suitable for a youth OoCD and should have gone to court. The two other members, although acknowledging the case was borderline, considered the OoCD was appropriate in the circumstances.

7. COMPLAINTS AND MISCONDUCT

Complaints Performance

The panel considered the complaints performance for Quarter 2, from 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.

Complaint cases and alleged complaints had gone up in number for Dorset Police as well as nationally and it was felt this was due to a general change in expectations of the police by the public. The ease of making a complaint on-line and the use of AI could also be factors for the increase in complaint volumes.

Complaint Reviews

The panel considered the Complaints Review Quarterly Dashboard for Quarter 2, 1 July 2025 to 30 Sept 2025.

The number of reviews upheld in the quarter was the same as the average for the most similar forces.

Dip Sampling of Complaints for Q2 2025/26

The panel considered the results of the dip sampling of complaints handled by PSD in Quarter 2, from 1 July to 30 September 2025.

Six complaints were reviewed with a variety of allegations. The responses to complainants provided thorough explanations which was a clear demonstration of recent training given to complaint handlers. There were no concerns raised from the dip sampling.

8. DISPROPORTIONALITY

Use of Force Performance

The panel considered the Use of Force Update for Quarter 2, from 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.

The data included detail on the number of use of force reports completed in the quarter plus the number of officers assaulted in the course of their duties. There had been significant improvements in the data recorded on use of force forms with those fields left blank continuing to reduce.

Stop and Search Performance

The Panel considered the Q2 data for Stop and Search from 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.

The find rate in Q2 was 31.6% placing Dorset Police as the third best force ranked nationally. The compliance rate for using Body Worn Video during stop and search procedures remained high.

9. STOP AND SEARCH DIP SAMPLE CASES INCLUDING BWV

Two cases of BWV had been independently selected by the OPCC involving a stop and search and the videos were shown to the panel for feedback.

In view of time constraints, the panel were invited to view one of the cases and supported the actions taken by police in the video with some follow-up comments by way of feedback. They agreed on a score of 2 for the case.

10. WRITTEN FEEDBACK REPORT FROM FORCE INDEPENDENT SCRUTINY PANEL

The panel considered the ninth Public Scrutiny Panel of Stop and Search.

11. PUBLIC CONTACT REPORT

DH and BM presented the public contact Q2 data, for 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.

Demand over July, August and September showed typical increase over the summer period.

The next slide showed response times to Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 incidents for Q2.

The Panel received an update on progress with the EVR (Enhanced Video Response), a victim-led initiative allowing for live, secure video calls with officers for non-emergency incidents (e.g., criminal damage, harassment); this was speeding up response times as an officer was not required to be present.

A number of improvements were planned to the Force's Contact Management using new technology over the coming months.

It was agreed that to help the Panel identify trends, more detailed data covering a longer time period should be made available for future meetings.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5 March 2026, 9:00 to 12:30